

#### Earrings.

Earrings have always been among the most favorite ornaments of nearly all the nations of the world, certainly with those which are called civilized. Indeed among the Persians, Babylonians and Carthaginians they were worn by men as well as women. They were always worn by Greek women from Hera, in the "Iliad" down to the Venus de Medici, whose ears are pierced for the reception of earrings. Pliny tells us that there was no part of dress upon which greater expense was lavished among the Romans. Many Egyptian earrings of very beautiful design have been preserved, and these antique designs have been imitated in modern times. All jewels are, no doubt, of barbaric origin, and earrings among the rest, so why discard them on that ground? We preserve what we admire, even if it comes to us through this source. And if piercing the ears is barbarous what can we say of shaving, which is done simply for fashion, and causes much more uneasiness to the flesh than simply piercing the ears once and for all?

Few would venture to advocate the abolition of shaving. Why, then, protest against earrings on this ground? Care should, of course, be exercised that ears are carefully pierced and allowed to heal properly before ornamental earrings are worn, but when once this is done they cause no further trouble. They are now fashionable, and this with the large majority of people is enough to say for them, but some venture to think, as they are essentially a womanly ornament and add grace and charm to a true womanly face, they should be preserved.—Chicago Times-Herald.

#### The Puritanical Sunday.

From early childhood we were perplexed with doubts about the things which might or might not be lawfully done on a Sunday, and were hemmed in by rules of the "touch-not-taste-not-handle-not" order, at variance with many healthy instincts, quite unconnected with any morality except that of implicit obedience, and not commanding rational assent.

When I speak of a Puritanical Sunday, I am not using the term as one of disparagement, but simply as presenting a historical fact. I recognize the Puritan creed as one that has influenced many powerful and noble minds and has contributed most valuable elements to our composite English character. Even the Puritan Sunday, mistaken though I think it, and of a strictness too narrow and exaggerated for ordinary human nature to bear, has so excellent a side to it, and has been so closely bound up with customs and habits of great social value, with definite times for general rest and definite times for general worship, that I always think and speak with great respect of its supporters. I only blame those of them—now I think few in number—who load with epithets intended to excite odium, other men who are striving to make the use of Sunday more beneficial and more adapted to varieties of human character and conditions.—Westminster Review.

#### The Russian's Easy Existence.

Joined to exceedingly high living, late hours and all sorts of enchanting but enervating dissipation, the Russian system of easy existence absolutely refuses to admit of the necessity of bodily exercise. It is no exaggeration to say that the well to do Russian never, to use a homely but expressive phrase, walks a yard. His person, moreover, is nearly always loaded and incumbered with furs, even in summer time, and as he heats his house and restaurants to a positively preposterous extent, the bad effects on his health of the combination of these evils may be easily imagined if less readily described. The common people, on the other hand, lead a comparatively healthy existence, because from sheer poverty, and not by any means from choice, they are forced to be abstemious. Though they heat their houses to as high a temperature as their social superiors, yet they are of necessity more in the open air than these last. Their staple food, moreover, the nutritious and easily digested black bread of the country, is an excellent means of preserving their health under the very severe social and sanitary conditions under which they live, and of building up, as it were, muscle and bone.—Pall Mall Gazette.

#### Russian Methods.

Georg Brandes, the Danish critic, relates an amusing incident of his recent travels through Russia in his "Indtryk Fra Polen" ("Impressions In Poland"), published at Copenhagen. Passing the German frontier, he relates, the first thing which attracted the attention of the Muscovite custom house officer was two numbers of the Paris Nouvelle Revue. "What is this?" asked the official in German. "A French monthly." "What are its contents?" "It's impossible to give them in a minute." "Very well, then, it will go to the censor general at Warsaw." "Is this review prohibited?" "Prohibited is everything that I do not understand," replied the Russian, and all Danish books of Herr Brandes, even his Chinese-French dictionary, were consequently confiscated.

#### Success.

"We are apt, many of us, to think," said Mr. Gratebar, "that we could do better if we had a better chance or could get started in some new field; but the fact is that the man who is likely to succeed at all is pretty sure to succeed wherever he may be. Success is a crop that depends for its return less upon the soil that is cultivated than upon the manner of cultivation."—New York Sun.

#### The Nautilus.

The idea of airtight compartments in ships was suggested by the peculiar construction of the nautilus. The shell of this animal has 40 or 50 compartments, into which air or water may be admitted, to allow the occupant to sink or float, as it pleases.

#### RAINSBORO.

August 3, 1896.

The Spargur reunion will be held Aug. 23d.

Rev. J. H. Davis of Bethel, spent a part of last week with his mother, south of town.

O. B. Rhoades and family attended a picnic at Kinkaid Springs Wednesday.

Mrs. L. W. Spargur of Seaman was the guest of the families of John Pulee and A. W. Spargur last week.

We are indebted to Edward Roads for a box of nice rosy cheeked peaches and to Edwin Keeler for a box of delicious pears.

Dr. D. N. McBride bought the Russell farm containing 176 acres last Wednesday at \$21.25 per acre.

Thos. Costello's Sunday school class picniced at the Butler Springs, Thursday. They were accompanied by pastor Ruggles and family and others.

James Russell and wife of Illinois, have been guests of Mrs. Elmira Russell for several days past.

Master Fred Spargur has gone to visit relatives at Seaman. His sister Miss Josie expected to accompany him, but could not for sickness.

Miss Mary and Louie Davis, returned to their home at Bethel, last Saturday, after a pleasant visit with relatives here and at Marshall.

Thomas Costello and wife are visiting friends at Carlisle, in Brown county.

Mrs. William Patton has been the guest of her daughter Mrs. C. W. Huggins in Leesburg, for several days.

Lester McCullough of Cincinnati, is spending the heated term at the home of his uncle J. I. Taggart in this place.

Rev. Cornett and wife were here a day or two of last week, with headquarters at W. J. Redkey's. He was the pastor of the U. B. Church here, a few years since and was quite popular.

Hon. D. M. Barrett, Superintendent of the Boys Industrial school at Lancaster has been spending a few days with his children and their families in this vicinity. He made a good practical address to the boys and girls Sunday morning at the Sunday School.

Mrs. S. M. Taggart and children of Jeffersonville, have been guests of his parents since last Friday.

The Rathbone Sisters will install their recently elected officers, next Saturday afternoon. A full attendance is wanted.

J. and W. Spargur, S. D. West and J. B. Upp and their families visited Butler's Spring, last Sunday.

H. S. Foraker and wife and Edward Gossett and wife visited relatives on Fall Creek, the first of this week.

The Farmer's Institute will meet at the K. of P. Hall, at 2 p. m. next Saturday, to discuss the best methods for destroying noxious weeds, and for killing off the numerous insects that injure grain, fruits and vegetables.

Thomas Beavers, one of our most successful farmers, died at his beautiful home on the Hillsboro pike, three miles west of town, last Tuesday, after a lingering illness with dropsy. A large number of people assembled on Thursday morning, and accompanied the remains to the Beaver's Cemetery, where they were laid to rest. A wife, five sons and two daughters survive.

Zachariah Sanders died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Sanders, in this place, on the 28th inst., from pulmonary trouble, in the 40th year of his age. He was a son of the late Rev. William Sanders, born in New Petersburg, and resided there until he grew to manhood, when he went to Indiana and soon after married Miss Maggie Black, who died several years ago. He and an only daughter returned from Indiana, some months ago, and have since made their home here. Appropriate funeral services were held Wednesday evening, and the body was interred in the Stringtown Cemetery.

#### PRICETOWN.

August 3, 1896.

The Christian Missionary Convention is in session at the Christian Church.

Prof. M. E. Pulliam spent last Saturday amid the hills and vales of Pike county.

James Laniger, accompanied by his sisters, Maggie and Lenna, are spending a few days with friends.

Levi Ferris and wife entertained John Welty, last Sunday.

P. H. Shaffer and wife, of Brown county attended the reunion at this place Sunday.

Squire Martin, whose name was on the program for a Sunday school speech, failed to put in an appearance at Sunday's reunion. What! Brother has free silver taken up all of your time?

F. F. Stevens and family of Hillsboro, and the Misses Aggie Cochran, Hattie Roush, Anna Farris and Mabel Stevens, were entertained by John A. Young and family, Sunday.

A very large crowd attended the Sunday School reunion, Sunday the programme was well rendered. The next one will be held at the Christian Church, in Danville the first Sunday in September. The program will be announced soon.

Repainting carriages and buggies promptly done at low prices, over Ervin's livery stable by H. A. Watson.

#### HIGHLAND.

Aug. 3, 1896.

Mrs. Cowen, of Hillsboro, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Hoskins.

Mrs. Hannah Clark is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, of Greenfield, who is very sick with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Manlove Adams are very sick. Mrs. Adams is some better.

The Friends yearly meeting will begin in two weeks.

Miss Grace Earl has returned home from Lebanon.

Jacob Rice and family, of Cincinnati, spent Sunday with Joseph Cohn's family.

Miss Maggie Swonger, of Belfast, is visiting friends here.

Miss Tene Savage, of Hillsboro, and her nephew George Calahan, of New York, were guests of Mrs. Sarah Robbins, last week.

Miss Jennie Boatright, of Russell, was in our city over Sunday.

Miss Beanie Sanders, of Indiana, is visiting friends here.

Miss Carrie Beason, Miss Nellie Patton and sister, all of Leesburg, were visiting the Cohn sisters, Thursday.

Patton Jackson and family, Charles Oadamy and wife, spent Sunday with friends at Hillsboro.

The McKinley Club met Saturday night. After appointing a committee to attend to business. Adjourned to meet next Saturday night.

#### NEW MARKET.

August 4, 1896.

Miss Grace Van Winkle will leave, this week, to visit friends at New Vienna.

Lewis Pence and family, of Danville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Pence's sister.

Will McReynolds has returned to this place after several months absence in Illinois.

The many friends of Miss Margaret Barrere, of Hillsboro, were pained to receive the news of her death.

Miss Viola Eyer has returned home from the six weeks' term at the Hillsboro Normal.

The social given by the young ladies of the Baptist Church, Saturday night, was not very largely attended on account of the inclemency of the weather. Notwithstanding, they cleared about \$5.00.

The six months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robinson was interred in the Presbyterian cemetery, Wednesday. The cause of its death was cholera infantum.

Quite a large number from our vicinity attended the S. S. Convention at Hoagland's Crossing, Sunday afternoon. Also, the children's exercises, at Mt. Zion, Sunday night.

#### SUGARTREE RIDGE.

August 3, 1896.

Mrs. Draper, of Sardinia, is visiting Mrs. Sarah Stout of this place.

John Smith, of Athens, was here on business Sunday.

A. N. Bunn is on the sick list.

The North Liberty Band will furnish the music for the Celebration here Saturday.

Eta Hetherington, of Hillsboro, was visiting here Wednesday.

J. H. Turner started last week for Virginia, where he will stay several weeks visiting, and stopping at the White Sulphur Springs for his health.

Mrs. Mary Few and daughter, of Illinois, visited her son, Joseph, last week.

Miss Ethel Edgington had as her guest Sunday Miss Bertha Sanders, of Sorg.

The Concord Township Sunday School Association held their first meeting at this place last Sunday evening and made a permanent organization. The next meeting will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church the first Sunday in August.

N. W. Igo and wife, O. T. Roberts and wife and Godfrey Wilkins and wife visited friends at Hillsboro Sunday.

Wm. Temple and wife visited relatives here last week.

The most severe rain, hail and wind storm that has visited this country for years passed through here Saturday about 2 p. m. The hardest part of the storm was south of here near Emerald, where it unroofed several barns and houses and tore many large trees out by the roots. The corn was damaged to a great extent by the hail.

#### CENTERFIELD.

August 3, 1896.

Mrs. Storer preached at the Universalist church, yesterday.

Lewis Pope and wife were the guests of Chas. Pindle and family Sunday.

Emerson Brady met with quite a serious accident last week. While cutting wood the ax flew off from the handle striking his leg below the knee. The wound was sewed up and is doing nicely.

Miss Grace Moon was the guest of Greenfield friends last week.

Ellsworth Abbot visited friends at Monroe, Sunday.

Miss Ida Cooper, of Martinsburg, is the guest of friends in this vicinity.

Peter Dilts, of Cincinnati, was the guest of Miss Lillie Anderson, Sunday and Monday.

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#### LYNCHBURG.

August 3, 1896.

Charles Fields, of St. Louis, is visiting his mother, Mrs. A. J. Fields.

Misses Maud Montgomery and Nettie Whitaker spent part of the past week with friends at Ripley.

Lynchburg's second nine was defeated at Clarksville Saturday by a score of 9 to 5.

Mrs. John Parker is seriously ill at present; also Uncle Johnny Crampton.

Rev. Dr. Peale and wife, of Sugartree Ridge, visited their parents here last week.

Mrs. T. J. Hopkins and little daughter, Florence, were guests of Warren Connell and wife, Friday.

Louis Pittser has the best wheat that has been threshed around here thus far. He got 160 bushels off of ten acres.

Prof. R. E. Anderson, of Clarksville, visited Dr. and Mrs. A. Garner, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chas. West and Chas. Fenner were in Hillsboro Saturday.

Now that our water-works plant is almost completed, some of our citizens are wondering if we will not get an eight hundred dollar fountain thrown in free of charge. We ought to have it.

Henry P. Holmes, whose sickness has been mentioned in these columns, died last Monday morning and was buried Tuesday evening. Funeral services were held at the house by Rev. John Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Linton were guests of Clarksville friends Friday and Saturday.

Mont Morrow and Mayor Davis, of Hillsboro, were here on legal business Tuesday.

Several of our teachers are attending the Clinton county Institute at Sabina this week.

The free silver craze is dying out in this community as rapidly as it sprang into existence. The result of a sober second thought on the subject is plainly visible, and it is an even bet that the free silver party could not poll much over half as many votes today in this community as it could two or three weeks ago.

Walter and Marion Fox were arrested and taken to Mt. Oreb charged with burglarizing a house near Chasestown of \$246 in gold. Several persons from here were summoned as witnesses at the trial, which takes place today. The Fox family is running a brick yard at or near Sardinia, and their arrest was brought about by the fact that they paid their hands off in gold shortly after the robbery occurred.

The engine running the dynamo at the power house became loosened on its foundation Saturday night to such an extent as to necessitate shutting down at an early hour. A great many of our citizens are anxious to see the well given a thorough test before the plant is accepted, as they doubt that the supply of water will equal the demand in case the well is ever put to a severe test by a fire.

#### BUFORD.

Aug. 3, 1896.

Everett Thompson, a respected citizen of Brownstown, O., was buried at this place, Sunday. Funeral services were held by Rev. Moore, at the Christian Church.

A terrible storm passed through this section last Saturday. The hail, some of it, was as big as hens' eggs, doing much damage to corn.

The Christian Sunday School attended the Sunday School reunion at Pricetown, Sunday.

The baseball club here was to play the Dodgeville club Saturday. But, on account of the storm, didn't play.

The Vanceburg rifle club was here to shoot against the Buford rifle club, Saturday.

A. H. Reames was at Hillsboro, Saturday.

#### How Is the Time

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CHAS. CONARD.



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#### BALL KNOB.

Aug. 1, 1896.

Miss Anna Haggerty has returned home from near Wilmington, where she has been spending the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fenner, of Round Head, were the guest of the latter's parents, last Sabbath.

Report says the Hodson reunion will be held at the Turner Grove, near Martinsville, on the first Saturday in September. Everybody has a cordial invitation to come and bring their baskets filled and enjoy the day.

Several of our people attended the quarterly services at Clarksville, last Saturday and Sunday.

Our Sabbath School attended the Webertown celebration, last Saturday, and report a pleasant time.

Miss Lizzie VanPelt is suffering with a felon on her hand.

Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Fox, on the 9th inst., in Mr. Fox's grove, near the Mt. Olive Church. Come and bring large baskets well filled with provisions, and have a pleasant time in the grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pierson, of Cincinnati, were the guests of relatives of this place, last week.

Warren Hays and wife attended camp meeting, near Westboro, last week.

#### Brick.

For the best and only hand made brick in this market, call on Ambrose & Strain, at the kiln formerly operated by Lewis Ambrose.

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